

ARTICLE LENDING/RETURNING DEVICE, ARTICLE REGISTERING DEVICE AND USER REGISTERING DEVICE

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Abstract

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To automate the lending/return of an article such as a book and to allow the device to correspond to various lending conditions.

SOLUTION: An ID tag 5 including a book ID code is formed on each book in a library. A member's card 6 storing a member ID code is previously issued to each user utilizing the library. On the other hand, a book information file, a member information file and a lending condition table determining each lending condition in accordance with each member and each book rank are stored in a memory built in a host computer 1. When the member card 6 and a book to be lent are put on a prescribed position in a book lending terminal equipment 2 at the time of lending the book, their data are read out and whether the data coincide with the lending condition stored in the lending condition table or not is judged. When both the data coincide with each other, lending processing is executed and the contents of a necessary file are updated.

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